



TOWN OF TYNGSBOROUGH

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Selectmen's Meeting Agenda

Monday May 1, 2006

6:00 P.M.

Town Offices

Members Present: Selectman Jason Booth, Selectman Rich Lemoine, Selectman Kevin O'Connor, and Selectwoman Jacqueline Schnackertz. Town Administrator Rosemary Cashman and Admin Assistant Therese Gay. Selectwoman Karyn Puelo was absent due to scheduling.

1. 6:00 P.M. Walter Eriksen – Presentation

The Selectmen welcomed Walter Eriksen to the meeting. Mr. Eriksen is presenting the Town with a \$50,000 donation for the purpose of public safety, recreation and senior citizens. Mr. Eriksen is developing a 40B project on Old Tyng Road. He along with the developers of Merrimack Landing were able to extend the sewer and water lines up Middlesex Road. The infrastructure services both 40B projects and additional connections will be offered to local businesses. Mr. Eriksen was recognized for all of his contribution to the Town in the past years and the Board thanked Mr. Eriksen for his generous donation.

Motion by Selectman O'Connor to accept a \$50,000 gift from Mr. Eriksen to be disbursed by and at the discretion of the Board of Selectmen to help with recreation, senior citizens, and public safety, second by Selectman Booth.

Vote – 4 in favor 1 absent 0 opposed the motion does carry.

2. Citizens' Time

The Chair asked if anyone present wished to speak on a non agenda item. No one came forward.

3. 6:20 P.M. Assistant Assessor - Presentation

The Chair invited the Assistant Assessor to attend this evening's meeting to help inform the public about the various abatement programs available. There are two different exemptions for the Elderly, for the Veterans the exemptions run from 22a through f small letters and 22A through 22F caps. There are also several exemptions for spouses whose partner was killed in the line of duty. There is a tax deferred exemption for 65 and over citizens. All categories of and applications for exemptions are available at the Assessors' Office. The Secretary will help any customer with questions.

Motion by Selectman Booth to recess for 5 minutes, second by Selectman O'Connor.

Vote – 4 in favor 1 absent 0 opposed the motion does carry.

4. Town Meeting Warrant & Budget Discussions

(see attached schedule)

The Finance Committee has joined the Board of Selectmen. They are meeting with the departments who have placed articles on the town meeting warrant. The Finance Committee voted unanimously to open their meeting, a motion to open by Ken Times second by Jerome Goldhammer.

The Board has invited the Lowell Vocational Financial Manager to come in and discuss the town's portion of the school assessment. Mr. Garabedian gave the Board a brief overview of the Vocational School's budget and what formula is used to calculate the town's assessment. The Boards thanked Mr. Garabedian for attending and appreciated the informative dialogue.

7:15 P.M. The CPC Chair Linda Geyer was present to answer any questions the Board may have on the article relating to the recreational fields. The CPC and the Recreation Dept have worked hard to arrive at an agreement and a figure for town meeting. The article proposes the building of a soccer field and a soft ball field at the Elementary School and to use the artificial turf at the Pierce Field replacing the loam that will be used for the new fields at the elementary school. The Board spoke favorably of the article and thanked Linda for coming in this evening.

7:30 P.M. Sewer Commissioner Jeff Hannaford is here tonight representing the Sewer Commission and spoke on the two articles relating to the Sewer Commission. Article 33 is a transfer from one account to another to help defray expenses. Article 34 related to the Wastewater Management Plan. The Commission is working to complete the report. Phase 1 and 2 are completed and the remaining two phases are set to start. Once phase 3 and 4 are completed the Sewer Commission's master plan will be complete and then the planning to extend the sewer line will commence. The Board thanked Mr. Hannaford for coming in this evening.

The Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee reviewed the remaining articles and to vote to recommend or not to recommend. The first article to review is Article 4, this article sets the stipends/salaries for the elected officials.

Motion by Selectman Booth to recommend article 4 with \$0 stipends and the salary for the Town Collector at \$51,838 and the Town Clerk at \$48,276, second by Selectman O'Connor. Vote – 3 in favor 1, absent and 1 opposed, the motion to recommend carries.

Article 5 the Town's Operating Budget. There is a deficit of \$481,000 on the municipal side. The Town Administrator explained how she arrived at the numbers addressing the shortfall without an override. The proposal is to cut salaries across the board, eliminate the Assistant Town Administrator's position, lay off 1 police officer. The hours cut are anywhere from 2 hours to 4 hours depending the total number of hours each individual works. This is the only fair way to reduce the shortfall. The Administrator is using the numbers from the State Aid assessment.

Motion by Selectman O'Connor to recommend Article 5 as presented to include the additional Sewer Revenue as of May 1, 2006, second by Selectman Lemoine.

Vote – 4 in favor 1 absent 0 opposed the motion to recommend carries.

Motion by Finance Committee Member Ken Times to support the Town's budget, second by Finance Committee Member Jerome Goldhammer.

Vote – 4 in favor 0 absent 0 opposed the motion to recommend Article 5 the Town's Budget carries.

Motion by Finance Committee Member Ken Time to recommend the School's Budget inclusive of the override, second by Finance Committee Member Jerome Goldhammer.

Vote – 2 in favor 2 opposed the motion to recommend the School Dept's Budget inclusive of the override does not carry.

4. Other Business

A. One Day Special License Request – Boston University, 72 Tyng Rd.

Board of Selectmen have received correspondence from BU requesting a one day special license.

Motion by Selectman O'Connor to grant the request for a one day special license to BU as requested, second by Selectman Booth.

Vote – 4 in favor 1 absent 0 opposed the motion does carry.

B. Appointment – Citizens for Taxation Committee

The Board received a letter of interest from a resident who wished to serve on the Committee.

Motion by Selectman O'Connor to appoint Doria Sylvester to the Citizens for Taxation Committee, second by Selectman Booth.

Vote – 4 in favor 1 absent 0 opposed the motion does carry.

C. Appointment – Sewer Commissioner

The Sewer Commission and the Board of Selectmen have received correspondence from a citizen who wishes to serve on the Sewer Commission. Mr. Jeff Hannaford was present representing the Sewer Commission.

The Selectmen and Sewer Commissioner voted in favor of the appointment.

Motion by Selectman O'Connor to appoint Mr. James Curran as the Sewer Commissioner, second by Selectman Booth. Mr. Hannaford voted in favor of the appointment.

Vote – 5 in favor 1 absent 0 opposed the motion does carry.

5. Correspondence

Motion by Selectman O'Connor to accept this evening's 24 pieces of correspondence and to incorporate them into the minutes, second by Selectman Lemoine.

Vote – 4 in favor 1 absent 0 opposed, the motion does carry.

6. Minutes – January 9, 2006, February 22, 2006, February 23, 2006, February 27, 2006, March 6, 2006, March 13, 2006, March 20, 2006, April 3, 2006, April 10, 2006.

Motion by Selectman O'Connor to approve the above mentioned minutes as presented, second by Selectman Booth. Selectman Booth abstains from voting on the Minutes of January 9, 2006.

Vote – 4 in favor 1 absent 0 opposed, the motion does carry.

Selectwoman Schnackertz and Selectman Lemoine recapped some of the events of the past week as well as to remind the residents that the election is next Tuesday and Town Meeting is the week after. Hearing no further discussions the Chair entertained a motion to adjourn.

7. Adjournment

Motion by Selectman Booth to adjourn the meeting, second by Selectman O'Connor.

Vote – 4 in favor 1 absent 0 opposed the motion does carry.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Therese Gay
Admin Assist.